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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4830

INFO AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

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FOR WRDCO

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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED REVISION OF 302 COURIER SCHEDULE

DUE TO AIRLINE STRIKE

REF: CARACAS 11289, CARACAS 11253, CARACAS 11197, CARACAS 11160,
CARACAS 11145, CARACAS 11134, CARACAS 11133

1. EMBASSY HAS MADE TENTATIVE RESERVATIONS ON PANAM 443
CARACAS/PORT OF SPAIN DEPARTING CARACAS 0010 FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24
TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE FLIGHT FOR TWO 302 COURIERS IF
VIASA HAS NOT RESUMED FLIGHT OPERATIONS BY THAT TIME.

2. ALTERNATIVES FOR SCHEDULED RETURN TO CARACAS ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, VIA VIASA WOULD BE TO RETURN FROM
PORT OF SPAIN ON PANAM 442 ON EITHER MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27,
OR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. IN EVENT DIFFICULTIES APPEAR LIKELY
TO ARISE IN RETURNING TO CARACAS FOR SCHEDULED PICK-UP OF
MATERIAL ON TUESDAY MORNING, CARACAS WOULD BE AGREEABLE
TO DESPATCH OF MATERIAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT WHEN COURIERS
TRANSIT CARACAS THURSDAY NIGHT.

3. VIASA OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER THAT APPROXI-
MATELY 50 PERCENT OF GROUND SERVICE PERSONNEL NOW ON
STRIKE AT MAIQUETIA AIRPORT AND THAT LIKELIHOOD IS STRIKE
WILL SPREAD. RESULT COULD BE COMPLETE INTERRUPTION OF ALL
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS IN AND OUT OF VENEZUELA.

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